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SUBJECT: SOUTH KOREAN DIPLOMATS DISCUSS UN MEMBERSHIP

1. AT LUNCHEON FEBRUARY 24, KOREAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR PARK AND FIRST SECRETARY SHIN AND KOREAN UN OBSERVER MISSION COUNSELOR LEE DISCUSSED KOREAN UN MEMBERSHIP ISSUE WITH IO/UNP DIRECTOR BARRY. THEY APPROACHED DISCUSSION BY WONDERING WHETHER MORE ACTIVE NORTH KOREAN DIPLOMACY MIGHT LEAD TO AN EFFORT TO RAISE THE KOREA ISSUE IN THE UN IN THE 33RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THEY ALSO SPECULATED AS TO POSSIBLE SOVIET SUPPORT FOR SUCH A MOVE. DEPT OFF ARGUED THAT GIVEN THE GENERAL FEELING OF RELIEF IN THE UN THAT A CONTENTIOUS KOREA DEBATE HAD BEEN AVOIDED FOR TWO YEARS IN A ROW, IT WAS MOST UNLIKELY THAT NORTH KOREA WOULD RAISE THE ISSUE UNLESS THEY FELT "PROVOKED" BY SOUTH KOREAN ACTIONS. US IMPRESSION IS THAT SOVIETS ARE NO MORE ANXIOUS TO SEE A KOREA DEBATE IN NEW YORK NEXT YEAR THAN WE, AND THAT THEY WOULD THUS BE UNLIKELY TO SUPPORT A NORTH KOREAN EFFORT TO
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RAISE THE ISSUE AGAIN. THUS, MOST LIKELY EXPLANATION OF RENEWED NORTH KOREAN DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY MIGHT BE THAT THIS IS AN EFFORT TO COUNTER THE GAIN SOUTH KOREA HAS MADE OF LATE IN ESTABLISHING BILATERAL RELATIONS AND AN EFFORT TO REGAIN SOME OF THE GROUND NORTH HAS LOST IN RECENT YEARS.

2. KOREANS INDICATED THAT ISSUE OF UN MEMBERSHIP FOR

SOUTH KOREA WAS BEING DISCUSSED IN SOUTH KOREAN PRESS AND THUS HAD BECOME SOMETHING OF A PUBLIC ISSUE. LEE REFERRED TO HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH USUN OFFICERS AND SAID THAT HE AGREED WITH THEIR ESTIMATE THAT A SOUTH KOREAN EFFORT TO RAISE THE MEMBERSHIP ISSUE WOULD LEAD TO A NORTH KOREAN RESPONSE, A CONTENTIOUS DEBATE, AND A DEFEAT FOR SOUTH KOREA. HE INDICATED THAT HE HAD REPORTED HIS VIEWS TO HIS GOVERNMENT. DEPT OFF STRONGLY SECONDED THIS VIEW AND POINTED OUT THAT IN OUR VIEW MOST OF KOREA'S SUPPORTERS WOULD URGE AGAINST RAISING THE MEMBERSHIP ISSUE IN THE 33RD GA. A DEFEAT THIS YEAR WOULD SET BACK SOUTH KOREAN EFFORTS TO GAIN UN MEMBERSHIP AND COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THEIR CAMPAIGN TO EXPAND THEIR BILATERAL RELATIONS AS WELL. ALL THREE KOREANS AGREED WITH THIS ANALYSIS.

3. LEE NOTED THAT WHILE KOREAN FOREIGN MINISTER PAK WAS GOING TO BE IN NEW YORK THIS WEEK HE WOULD HOST A DINNER FOR A LARGE NUMBER OF KOREA CONTACT GROUP MEMBERS. HE DID NOT BELIEVE THIS FORETOLD AN EFFORT TO WIN SUPPORT FOR MEMBERSHIP THIS YEAR BUT USUN'S REPORTING ON THIS ASPECT OF PAK'S VISIT TO NEW YORK WOULD BE APPRECIATED. PAK ALSO WILL MEET WITH SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM WHILE IN NEW YORK.

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4. EMBASSY SEOUL SHOULD USE ABOVE POINTS WITH FOREIGN OFFICE WHENEVER OPPORTUNITY ARISES.

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